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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, setting for a Requirement for Restriction, applicant elects, with traverse, group II, claims 2-4, 5 (as amended), 7 (as amended), 8, 18-19, 20 (as amended), 26 (as amended) -40, 121, 122 and 124-132, drawn to a method of evenly distributing nucleic acid molecules that encode polypeptide tags among members of a starting library. The Action also sets forth an election of species. To the extent it is applicable to the elected claims, applicant elects nucleic acid libraries that encode single-chain antibody fragments (scFvs) as the starting libraries, capture agents are scFvs, and the encoded polypeptide tags bind thereto. All elected claims read thereon.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

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